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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the present application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A connector for contacting a conductor of a cable, the connector comprising:  
a receptacle for receiving the cable; and  
a contacting device adapted to be placed on the receptacle and having at least one piercing contact for contacting the conductor of the cable, the contacting device being adapted to be placed on the receptacle such that the piercing contact comes to lie in a freely selectable position in the receptacle, in order to contact the conductor of the cable received in the receptacle.
2. (original) A connector according to claim 1, wherein the contacting device comprises a plurality of piercing contacts arranged in a line with constant spacing for contacting a corresponding number of equally spaced conductors of a ribbon cable, the line of piercing contacts being adapted to be oriented relative to the receptacle such that the spacing between the piercing contacts in a direction across the ribbon cable corresponds exactly to the spacing between the conductors in the ribbon cable.
3. (original) A connector according to claim 2, wherein the contacting device is in two parts and comprises a holder, adapted to be placed on the receptacle in a predetermined position, and a rotary unit mounted rotatably in the holder and having the piercing contacts arranged thereon.
4. (original) A connector according to claim 3, wherein the contacting device has markings thereon identifying particular positions of the rotary unit relative to the holder.
5. (original) A connector according to claim 3, wherein the contacting device comprises a latching means for fixing the rotary unit in particular positions in the holder.

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6. (original) A connector according to claim 3, wherein the contacting device comprises a seal against water and dust particles between holder and rotary unit.

7. (original) A connector according to claim 1, wherein the piercing contacts each comprise cylindrical seals.

8. (original) A connector according to claim 1, wherein the piercing contacts are connected to socket contacts of a socket or plug contacts of a plug of the contacting device.

9. (newly added) A connector for contacting a conductor of a cable, the connector comprising:

a receptacle for receiving the cable; and

a contacting device adapted to be placed on the receptacle and having at least one piercing contact for contacting the conductor of the cable, the contacting device being moveable to place the piercing contact in a freely selectable position in a direction transverse the cable.

10. (newly added) The connector of claim 9, wherein the contacting device is rotatable about a fixed axis to change the relative position of the piercing contact with respect to the conductor.